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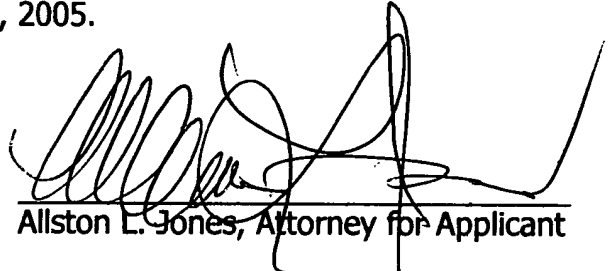
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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING BEST FOCUS USING
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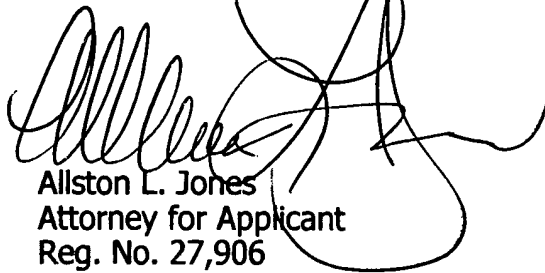
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

1. Transmittal Letter in duplicate;
2. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
3. Postcard.

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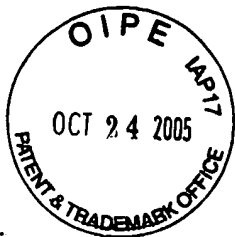
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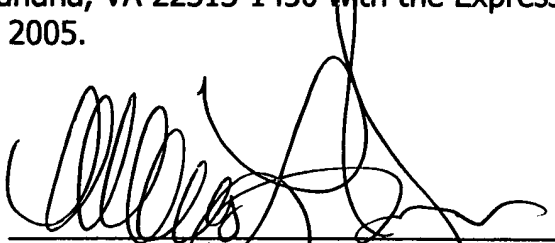
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Dear Sir:

This Response is being submitted within one month of the Restriction

Requirement dated September 30, 2005.

The Examiner indicated in his action that he finds that the claims pending in the application identify two inventions and he has indicated that he is requiring a restriction of the claims into the following two groups:

- I Claims 1-10 and 23-30 drawn to focus calculating and adjusting contrast values based on variance and average intensity; and
- II Claims 11-22 drawn to optical system calculating values.

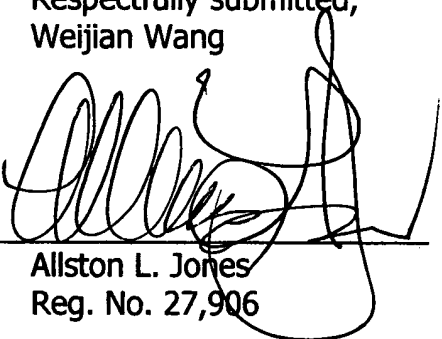
The Applicants elect Group I which the Examiner has indicated includes claims 1-10 and 23-30.

Applicant reserves the right to represent the claims in Groups II at a later date in the current application or in a later filed application(s).

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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